Iron ore reserve in the country

2021. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total reserve of iron ore in the country;

(b) the projected demand of iron ore for the next 20 years; and

(c) the export of iron in last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) As per available information, out of total available resources of 25.25 billion tonnes, total iron ore reserves as on 1.4.2005 is estimated at 7.21 billion tonnes.

(b) The estimated demand of iron ore, by the year 2019-2020 is likely to be 190 million tonnes as per National Steel Policy, 2005.

(c) The quantity of iron ore exported during last three years given below:

(in million tonnes)

Year	Quantity
2003-04	51.49
2004-05	78.14
2005-06 (provisional)	89.27

Survey of mineral resources

2022. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Geological Survey of India has carried out surveys of mineral resources in the country;

(b) if so, whether it has identified those mineral resources which have fast deserving exploration, alternative to such minerals etc;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.